The regular meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee was called to order on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Cobetto, Dusenbery, Fricke, Hunter, Milcic, Ormesher, Schoenborn, Toberman; Ex officio: Manning, Recording Secretary Kruse

Guests: Bob Vanzo, Todd Bartholomew

Guest Speaker: Bob Vanzo, Director for Administrative Services and speaking on behalf of the Policy Council regarding proposed Textbook Rental Policies

Melanie Schoenborn submitted some suggestions in writing and Bob will make sure Lora Miles gets them. Bob pointed out that there is really only one substantive change and it is due to lack of funds. The change concerns departments in the past were allowed to order as many texts as they wanted. Now they are being limited to two texts per class and according to the National Standard for spending on texts for each class, the cost cannot exceed that dollar amount. The policy applies to digital as well as anything printed. It applies to undergraduate students. Norris Manning noted that some business books regarding law need to be purchased on an annual basis because of changing tax laws also sometimes more sections are added in courses; therefore, when new books are ordered the students are forced to wait for their copy further into the semester. Sometimes it becomes a problem.

Q Are they getting rid of Textbook Services?
   A Has not heard anything information on that; only rumors of an online bookstore

Q Textbook fees are based on curriculum. When classes do not have books, why are they paying textbook fees?
   A Same logic as the fitness center. Everyone pays something for it to be used.

Comment: If they have a way to set a fee, there should be a way to waive it classes have no books.

Comment: International universities do not have texts and professors have their own.

Comment: Some students and faculty may want the freedom to make their own choice where to suggest or purchase books if too many restrictions are made on number of books they require for classes.

Q Can someone get a copy of part of a textbook?
   A It is possible for a teacher to get two copies of a book; one for self and one for the library for the reserve. This way a student can request a copy of part of it from the library and get one copy. The library can make one copy for each student without breaking any copyright laws.
Kirt Ormesher noted that Michael Pulley was scheduled as a guest speaker regarding SU CAS and furloughs. He is to testify at a JC AR meeting about how the staff at SIUE stands on furloughs. Michael could not attend; therefore Kirt introduced details on furloughs to get feedback. There was a discussion.

Melanie moved to have Mike Pulley vote no on making the furlough policy permanent at the JC AR hearing. Anne Hunter seconded. There was discussion.

Melanie rescinded her motion.

Ian Toberman: I move that the sense of the SSEC is that the anticipated furlough proposed is detrimental to the interests of both employees and the University and the SU CAS representative be encouraged to share this opposition. Bill Dusenbery seconded. Approved unanimously.

President’s Report
1. Kirt Ormesher reported about the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. The BOT reported that the stop-gap only covers six months so they are looking at ways to conserve. It is crucial to get Carbondale back on track since they have been losing enrollment. There was a discussion.
2. Kirt plans to invite Sherrie Senkfor to meet about the new sick leave policy. There was a discussion.
3. Kirt reported that the Graduate Council Chair Jen Rehg made a statement at the BOT meeting about the System Wide Intellectual Property Policy proposal and the spirit of shared governance regarding the passing of the policy this past summer when the faculty senate was out of session.

Ian Toberman: I move that the sense of the SSEC is that if a decision is to be made between staff furloughs or staff layoffs, staff furloughs are preferred as long as seniority is considered. Anne Hunter seconded. Approved with one (1) opposed.

Kirt Ormesher called a break at 10:10 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 10:19 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The August 18, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Melanie inquired on the status of the electricians with grievance. They are waiting for the arbitrators to be chosen.

EAC representative election: Michael Pulley is interested in serving another term.

NEW BUSINESS
Provost Search Committee: no one has been contacted yet about who is serving.

The Council of Councils conference has been cancelled this year.

Civil Service Training could be an option if Staff Senate expresses interest in lieu of the Council of Councils conference. Kirt gave a brief summary of the Councils of Councils.
The All Faculty Meeting will be on September 20 and there will be a table for the Staff Senate where Kirt Ormesher will be available to answer any questions about the Staff Senate. Kirt invited Gretchen Fricke to attend, also.

OTHER
Anne Hunter reported on the progress of the fundraising committee and the employee banquet. Day of event, Anne will need help for set up. Gretchen Fricke made a request for donations of baking items or other things from home based businesses.

Ian Toberman reported that he has a candidacy form submission for an administrative represented staff.

Anne Hunter reported candidates are being interviewed now for the labor relations human resources position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Kirt briefly described how the next meeting will begin with introductions, the scholarship presentation and pictures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Milcic reported he had seen a publication this weekend of State Universities ranked: U of I number one and SIUE number two.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Someone asked about Ombudsman item from previous unfinished business. It will be covered after the constitution and bylaws revised proposal.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Approved as submitted October 20, 2016
Vicki Kruse/University Governance